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## SECRETARY MORTON TO KEYNOTE CONTINENT-WIDE MEETING OF OUTDOOR WRITERS

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton will keynote the continental conference of the Outdoor Writers of America at Mazatlan, Sonora, Mexico, on June 26.

The four-day formal session of Canadian, U.S. and Mexican commentators on wildlife, travel, outdoor activities and the environment should draw about 500 writers, photographers, radio and TV people, plus a sprinkling of scientists working in the outdoor field. Dr. Bernardo Villa-Ramirez, director general of Mexico's wildlife agency, will open the conference.

Secretary Morton announced that he would speak for 30 minutes and leave the rest of his hour-long session for a mass press conference. Several other high U.S. officials are on the program also, reported Ed Hanson, executive director of the Outdoor Writers group, which has headquarters at Columbia, Mo.

The OWAA's director also announced that Miguel Aleman, former president of Mexico and now director of that Republic's Tourism Council, will attend the opening session to host Secretary Morton.

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